Kenny Science Expo!
Thursday, April 19 in the Kenny Gym
6:00pm - 7:30 p.m. (Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m.)

The Science Expo is NEXT WEEK! Here are a few reminders as we count down to the big event:

- Use this week and weekend to put the final touches on your projects!
- Students can set their projects up between 4:00pm-6:00pm in the gym. *Tables will be designated by grade level, so please set up in the appropriate area*
- Dinner will be served by the Kenny Foundation from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the cafeteria
- The Bakken Museum will be hosting activity stations in the Media Center throughout the evening!

*We still need volunteers to help host activity stations and judging!*  
Click here to sign up to volunteer for one hour, the whole night, or somewhere in between.

Even if you are not exhibiting, come out to support Kenny Students in celebrating their hard work!

If you have questions, email kenny.sci.expo@gmail.com.
The PTO Invites You...
Tuesday, April 17 from 5:00pm-6:00pm
in the Media Center
Guest Speaker: Jackie Vertigan, Ed. D.
“Helping Your Child Through Today’s Stressful Times”

Please join the PTO as we welcome guest speaker Jackie Vertigan, Ed. D. as she explores such topics as trauma or stress impact on children, developmentally appropriate information about current events and ways to balance stresses.

Child care provided! Transportation available—Contact Susie Friederich to arrange: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

Hope to see you there!

Minnesota Reading Corps at Kenny School!
Take a look at our very own Reading Corps tutor, Joe McLean as he represented Minnesota Reading Corps on Kare 11 news! CLICK HERE to view the Kare 11 news segment or visit: http://www.kare11.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/news-at-4/mn-reading-and-math-corps-looking-for-tutors/89-532756942

Kenny School is looking for more tutors for the 2018-19 school year! Please visit their website HERE for more information or to apply,

Please contact Shari Wiggins, Reading Corps Internal Coach with any questions:
shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us
The Kenny Foundation’s Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24 from 5pm—7:30pm
WHERE: Richfield United Methodist Church
5835 Lyndale Ave S. Minneapolis 55419
Cost: $10 per plate
Dinner includes: Spaghetti with sauce, bread, salad, cookie, and a drink.
Catered by: Kenny parent Jason Barbes’ Redplate Catering Company

CLICK HERE to RSVP or visit:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kenny-school-spaghetti-dinner-tickets-44607657705
***Extra forms also available in the office!!!***

5th Grade Math Squad Competition

Come Support Our Kenny Math Squad!

WHEN: Saturday, April 28
WHERE: North High School
1500 James Ave N, Minneapolis 55411

Please CLICK HERE for event details or visit:
http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/math_competitions_2

FIELD DAY IS THURSDAY, MAY 17!

(Rain Day is Friday, May 18)
Volunteers are needed for the following:

**Run a station (8:30am-10am)
**Run a station (Noon—1:30pm)
**Water station set up (8:00am)
**Popsicle hand out (1:45pm-2:00pm)
**Equipment take down and delivery to the PE office (2:00pm)

Contact Jennifer Johnson, PE Specialist if you are able to help!

Jenniferl.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

FIELD DAY
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

3rd—5th Grade: 8:30am to 10:00am
Kindergarten—2nd Grade: Noon to 1:30pm
Final Event and Popsicles: 1:30pm to 2:00pm
Get Ready For **Garden Day!**

**When:** Saturday, May 12 from 8:30—11:00am in the Kenny front gardens

We invite ALL families to join us for a morning of light raking, weeding, planting and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens.

Please contact Lynn Meyer with questions:
lmeyermn@comcast.net

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**BACHMAN’S**

**WARM WEATHER AND SUNSHINE ARE ON THE WAY!**

This is a perfect time to think about our annual Bachman’s Gift Card Fundraiser. Your gift card purchases are good for all plants, tools and supplies you’ll need this season and they make a great Mother’s Day gift!

**Order by Wednesday, April 18!** (Extra order forms available in the office)

Gift card pick up will be Friday, May 4 from 2pm-4pm in the foyer and at the Garden Day event on Saturday, May 12 from 8:30am-11am

Questions? Contact Kelly Suzan at (651) 792-6196 or stur0065@umn.edu

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**2nd Grade Music Sharing Concert!**

**When:** Thursday, April 26

8:15am in the gym

Hope you can join us!
VIVA CITY!

The Viva City Fine Arts Festival is a celebration of the outstanding fine arts education offered in the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS). In its 23rd year, this district-wide event highlights the high-quality arts programs and the extraordinary work of MPS students, arts educators, and families.

We are proud to present the talented Kenny School artists who were honored at this event in February:

Kate, Thomas, Jose, Sully, Delilah, Phiya (5th Grade) Molly (4th Grade) and E’lijah (3rd Grade), Serafina, Yeni and Lucy (2nd Grade)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Haiku!

Congratulations to Kenny third graders for placing 2nd (Sam K.) and receiving honorable mention (Olivia and Sam B.) in the district-wide haiku contest!

We are SO proud of you!
SPRING TESTING
Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)
Begins the week of April 16th

Some of the best things you can do to help your student be prepared and comfortable include:

- A good night’s sleep
- A healthy breakfast
- Make sure your student is *in school* and *on time*
- Send a water bottle with your student if possible

If you have questions as to when your student is testing, please contact your student’s teacher.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** In addition to cell phones NOT being allowed in the testing room, any wearable devices are not allowed, so PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT HOME. Any wearable device that is able to send and receive messages are NOT allowed.

If you’d like to have your student do Test Sample Items over break, here is the path to follow:

(Note: MCA Sample Items are for test practice only and are not a predictor of test performance).

1. **CLICK HERE** or visit: [http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/](http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/)
2. Scroll down; choose Reading MCA or Math MCA
3. Select grade
4. Use “Guest” as user name
5. Start the sample test
A Note From The PTO…

Hello, Kenny Parents! We have some GREAT events in the works and we need YOUR help! (Please note the updated Arbor Day registration date!)

- **Spring Carnival**—This event has been run by a team of three parents in the past. We currently have one person interested, but could use two more to make things more manageable. If you’ve been to this event, you know how much **the students** and community LOVE IT!

- **PTO Co-Chair**—We’re still looking for someone to step up and help make Kenny the best it can be! It’s a two year commitment but the impact you can have on the school is well worth it! Contact PTO Co-Chair Dylan Thompson for more information! Dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com

- **Popsicles in the Park**: Kindergarten and new student meet & greet (August)

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch**: Our staff is the most dedicated and caring around! (End of May—June)

- **School Tours**: Bring prospective families on a tour, showcasing what makes our school the gem that it is! (On-going)

Remember, these family events cannot happen without YOUR participation!

Please reach out to PTO Co-chair Dylan Thompson with questions or if interested:

dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work
GETTING READY FOR SUMMER...

Hoping to prevent the “summer slide”? Check out these options:

CAHOOTS: An engaging, self-paced correspondence program designed to keep math and language arts skills fresh and prevent the “summer slide”

- Select a workbook in Language Arts, Math or both. Students complete weekly lessons and mail in postcards that reflect their learning.
- Students are invited to an end-of-summer field trip if eight weekly reflections are completed
- Register online at: mplscommunityed.com or contact Heidi Ludeking at (612) 668-3809 or heidi.ludeking@mpls.k12.mn.us
  - Register by Monday, May 7th for a guaranteed spot
  - Partial scholarships available

SUMMER SESSION PROGRAMS WITH MPS: Kindergarten through 4th grade summer instruction is focused on accelerating student growth. This will be held at Lyndale Elementary School (312 W 34th St, Minneapolis 55408)

- All Summer Session students engage in reading, math, music, art, physical education and other classes. They also participate in on and off-site program field trips!
- CLICK HERE or visit: http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/programs
- CLICK HERE for K-5 application or visit http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/ssapplications

GEMS and GISE K-8 STEM Academy: This program is focused on STEM learning in a project-based and problem-based curriculum. This will be held at Anderson United Community School (1098 Anderson Lane, Minneapolis 55407)

- CLICK HERE or visit: http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_stem_3
- CLICK HERE for application and submission options
- Contact Melinda Stapley with questions: melinda.stapely@mpls.k12.mn.us

READING SKILLS AND SPEED READING PROGRAMS For Children and Adults: Offered this summer in Chanhassen, Edina, Plymouth and on the U of M Campus

- Call 1-800-570-8936 for more information or to register
ATTENDANCE:

Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.

Doctors or dentists notes should be brought into school when the student returns to the building. Your help with this is appreciated.

STUDENT DROP OFF: Please be courteous of other drivers and use caution when pulling away from the curb!

Children will be admitted to the building at 7:50am.

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door in the morning.
- Teachers need to be able to greet and assist children.
- Children have morning work assignments that need to be completed before the morning meeting that starts at 8:10am.

Thank you for your help with this as it allows us to give your children our undivided attention for greetings and assistance with morning work and routines.

All adults entering the building must sign in at the office.

TRANSPORTATION:

Send Information to School when:

1. You have an address or daycare change.

2. If you are picking up your child and they usually ride a bus, they must be signed out in the office even with advanced notice.

3. Your student is using a different bus stop.

4. Your student is going home with another student. (Note: We need notification from BOTH families).

Information will be sent home when:

1. Your student has been added to a bus route.

2. The bus stop for your student has had a change in location.

3. The IN bus stop for your student has had a cumulative time change of five minutes or more.

Changes can become effective any day of the week so watch for the effective dates on the notices sent home with your student.

BUS PASSES: Bus passes are REQUIRED to board a bus that is normally not a student’s assigned bus. We request notes be turned into the office as early in the day as possible.

We need notes from both sets of parents/guardians i.e. the parent/guardian of the student taking a different bus or using a different stop and the parent/guardian of the student they are traveling with.

The note should include:
- Student’s FIRST and LAST NAME
- FULL name of student they are riding with
- Date of request
- Signature of parent or guardian

A bus pass may not be able to be honored if we have not received two permission forms or if the bus requested is full.
Stay Informed

Bookmark the Kenny Website
for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennypta

To be added to the Wednesday newsletter email list or if you have information you would like to submit to the Wednesday newsletter, please email:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

By 5pm on Friday

WEATHER

The calendar might say it’s Spring, but the weather sometimes says otherwise! Please make sure your student has proper outdoor gear (coat, snow pants, hat, mittens/gloves, scarf and boots) as most days we will be outside!

Indoor recess is based on a temperature and/or wind chill of –5° below zero and overall weather conditions.

We use the Weatherbug weather app with Calvin Christian School as the selected site to determine our current conditions.